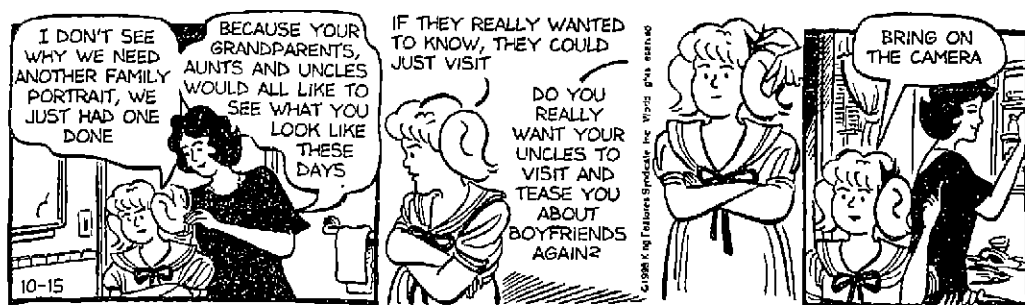


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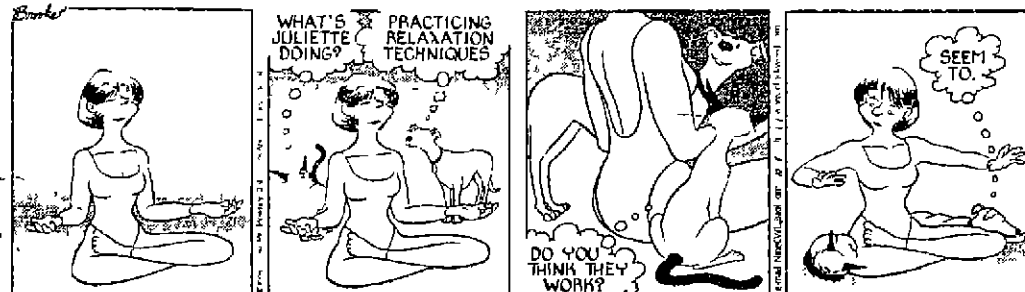
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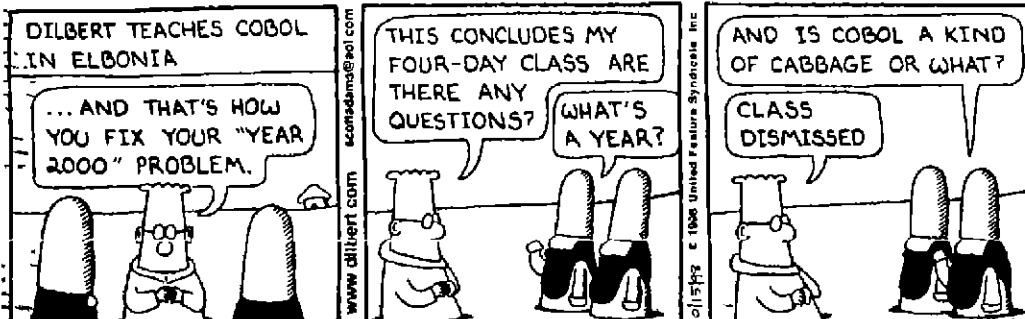
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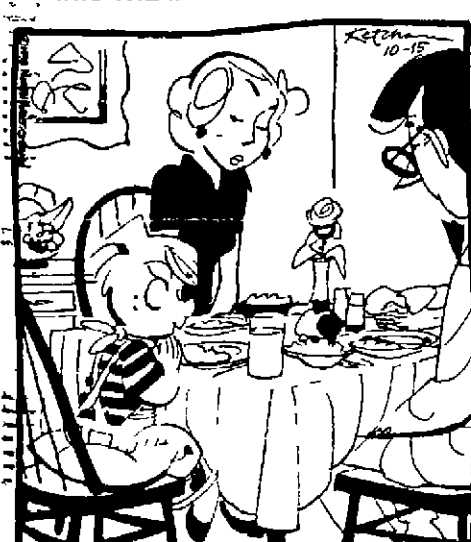
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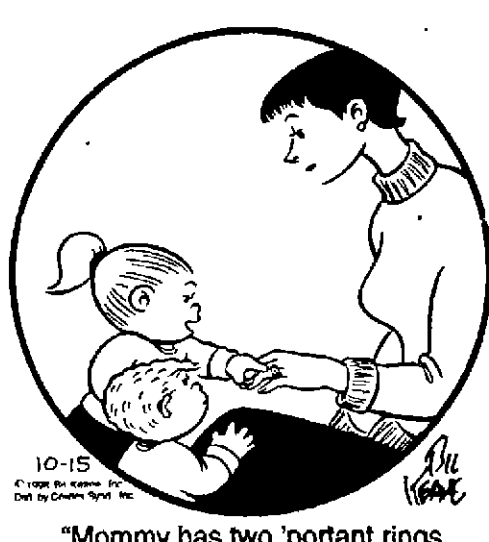
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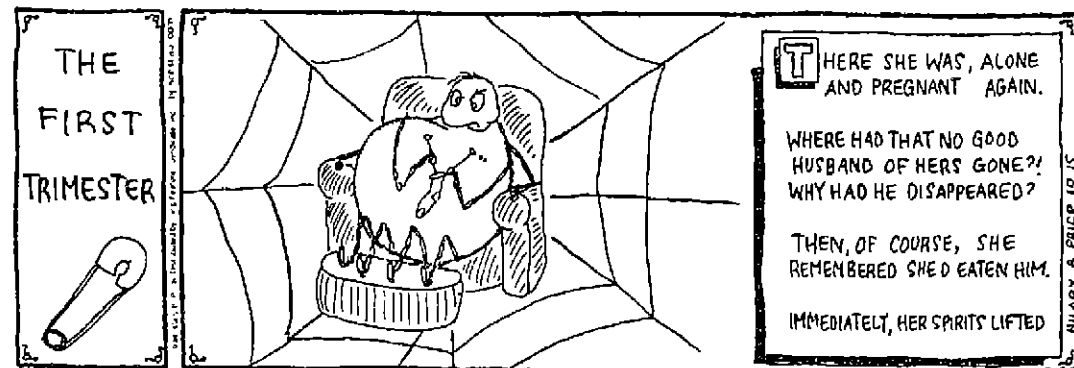
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, Oct. 16, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Do not feel as though you must accomplish a thousand things at once.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You are in synch with the feelings and needs of others. Articulated and unspoken.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It might be a struggle to maintain a calm demeanor at home. You feel that someone might be hiding something from you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Concentrate on family affairs. It is a perfect time to discuss emotional matters in a rational way.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You feel a bit poor and regret past financial maneuvers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You know the best way to achieve your goals and are confident that you can follow your own rules.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Don't spend too much time looking into mirrors. They are not your friends right now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your intuitive powers are best used in an intimate or friendship situation. Before giving advice, be sure that it comes equally from your head and heart.

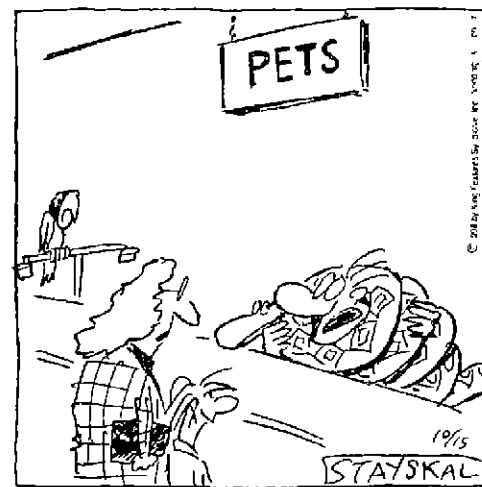
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) It seems as though someone is not appreciative of your best intentions and efforts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Spend time on projects that demand a detailed, calculated approach.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You are inspired to begin something new — and this time you think you just might finish it.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You find yourself snapping at people in a way that is totally out of character.

RALPH



"We're out of gerbils. But I just knocked 50 percent off the price of the boa constrictor."

WORD SLEUTH

Pitchers with 300 wins

F P M J G D A X V S Q S N K I
F D A C N X K V T Q O U M J C
H F C A A H N Y W U R T P Y N
L J O H F R A S D B Z T Y X V
T Y R R E P L P R W Q O O M G
K I H V K O P T S Y U N F R D
B M A T H E W S O N E I O Z Y
W E V C T R I Q G N F V O N L
S K I I R E D N A X E L A H F
D N O S N H O J P C E A A Z X
W V U S R Q O N M K K G J I H

Wednesday's unlisted clue: MINING
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Thursday's unlisted clue hint: LEFTY WARREN —

Alexander	Grove	Nichols	Seaver
Carlton	Johnson	P. Niekro	Sutton
Cy Young	Keele	Perry	Wynn
Galvin	Mathewson	Plank	

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For solution, see Classified.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 It may be staged
- 4 Get ready to drive
- 9 Precious instrument, for short
- 14 Bill's partner
- 16 Come alive (to)
- 18 Facility west of Schiller Park
- 17 Post-op stop, maybe. Abbr.
- 18 Cashier for air force heroes?
- 20 Printers' marks sometimes called obelisks
- 22 Thin plate
- 23 "Evita" role
- 24 Of the old school
- 27 Two-word airline name
- 28 Symbols of industry
- 30 "Pipe down!"
- 31 Subway, e.g. Abbr.
- 32 One that got away
- 34 Greek letters
- 36 Acetylsalicylic acid and cotton?
- 42 Uncovered?
- 43 Number two of eight
- 44 Not keep straight
- 48 Goldbrick
- 50 Ginsberg and Kerouac, e.g.
- 51 Concluded
- 52 Theatrical Tharp
- 54 Cereal no.
- 55 Sharp cheese
- 57 How many complaints are made
- 58 Snake charmer's patter?
- 63 1985 movie. Izzy and —
- 64 They follow "Roll 'em!"
- 65 Chips in?
- 66 — nutshell
- 67 Racing vehicles
- 68 — a clue (doesn't know)
- 69 Ireland's —
- Lingus

DOWN

- 1 Word with rock or rain
- 2 Classic drink
- 3 Plug-ugly
- 4 Yawn
- 5 Blue ribbon or gold star
- 6 Opens up, for examination, in a way
- 7 Plucked instrument
- 8 Apiece
- 9 Corn-losing site
- 10 Henley Regatta site
- 11 In a risque fashion
- 12 Spheres for debates
- 13 Make potable, perhaps
- 14 Warhorse

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

AHEAD SCALP ZAP
LINDA MENDY ARA
TEDDY TOEODY NEW
OSO TOGS OCEAN
MOOK SOLO
THANKSTOHANKS
ARENA MANN TENS
DOWD MARIO REAR
GUER ALOY FINIS
TRAVELTORAVEL
KISS ACE
TAXES TONE ODA
HER TENDSTOENDS
ORA ANIES FREAK
ROY SALSA FRAYS

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

West leads the heart ace and continues with the queen. If South chooses a routine cover, he ensures an over-trick if dummy's king survives. If East ruffs the heart king, the game might fall. East ruffs and shifts to a club. This gives the defense a heart, a heart ruff, a club and the trump ace for one down. So much for the over-trick. South heard West's pre-empt and refused to cover West's heart queen. There was no way for South to lose four tricks. Regardless of what West led at trick three, South could claim 10 tricks, conceding only one more trick (to East's trump ace). Could East have countered South's wise duck at trick one by ruffing West's queen and shifting to clubs? No. South would refuse the finesse and cross to dummy in diamonds. With East left with only the singleton trump ace, South would lead dummy's heart king to discard his club queen, and the defensive club winner would disappear.

NORTH		10-15 A	
♠	Q 7 5 2	♥	K 6 3
♦	A K Q 10	♣	3 2
WEST		EAST	
♠	8	♠	A 3
♥	A Q J 10 7 5 4	♥	2
♦	8 4	♦	7 6 3 2
♣	K 9 4	♣	J 10 8 7 6 5
SOUTH		10-15 A	
♠	K J 10 9 6 4	♥	8 5
♦	9 8 5	♦	J 9 5
♣	A Q	♣	

Vulnerable Both
Dealer North

The bidding			
North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	3 ♥
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: Heart ace

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge America: Saturday evening Bill Barrington, MaryAnne Ruff, second, Jason Chappell, John Chappell

Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon first Judy Zatony, Allene Huntley, second/third, Alex Weldon, Marge Weldon, Pat Hooper, Matt Brown, Sunday evening first, Joe Fortino, Kathleen Young, second, Sharon Ausman, Joanne Baccile, Monday morning, first, Mary Waters, Alyce Martin, second, Olin Smith, Mary Smith, Monday evening, first/second/third, Bob Garwood, Cornelia Yoder, Judie Bailey, Cameron Ross, Joe Fortino, John Molinari, Tuesday evening, first, Mary Lou Famulare, Cameron Ross, second, John Chappell, Wayne Wilson, Wednesday evening, first, Joe Fortino, John Molinari, second, Walter Huda, Allene Huntley, Thursday morning teaching game 1 NS Joe Myers, Sarah Myers, 2 NS, Janet Gillen, Sheri Macht, 1 EW, Judy Everts, Helen Simmons, 2 EW, Bob Donahue, Louis Bashaw, Thursday evening, first, George Valette, Kathleen Young, second, Bill Barrington, Carl Hieman, Friday morning first, Larry Sunser, Julie Sunser, second, Alex Weldon, Marge Weldon, Friday evening first, Bruce Rubin, Cornelia Yoder, second, Jane Donn, Josh Donn

Lafayette Country Club: First, Rosalind Gingold, Gayle Barrington, second, Shirley Doroff, Ivy Besdin

Stonehedge: 1 NS Roni Capraro, Fran Dussault, 2 NS, Ann Divers, Sally Wright, 1 EW, Marc O'Brien, Millie Roarabaugh, 2 EW, Pat Hill, Ruth Richner

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Oct. 15, the 288th day of 1998. There are 77 days left in the year.

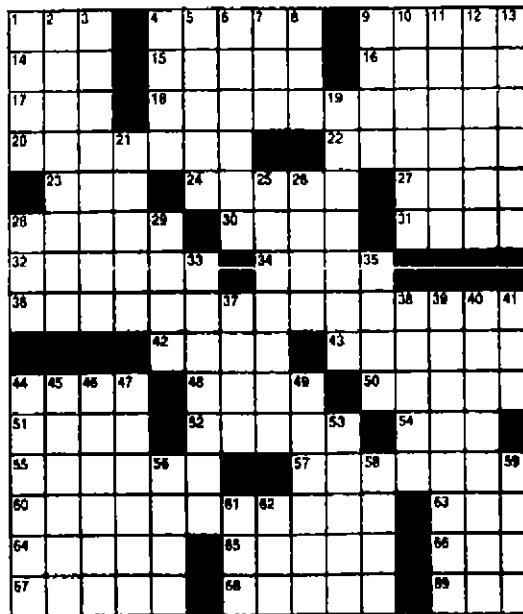
On this date in 1917, Mata Hari, a Dutch dancer who had spied for the Germans, was executed by a French firing squad outside Paris.

In 1966, President Johnson signed a bill creating the Department of Transportation.

In 1990, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev was named the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS Economist John Kenneth Galbraith is 90. Historian Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. is 81. Actress Jan Miner ("Madge the Manicurist") is 81. Author Mario Puzo is 78. Former Chrysler chairman Lee Iacocca is 74. Actress Linda Lavin is 61. Actress-director Penny Marshall is 56. Actress Tanya Roberts is 43. Britain's Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson, is 39.

— The Associated Press



Puzzle by Manny Nosowsky

- 21 It may be lined with quartz
- 25 Time to vote
- 26 Renaissance name of fame
- 28 Med. country
- 29 Certain Balkan
- 33 One with lots to offer
- 35 Use a knife or fork
- 37 Snaillike
- 38 Unmoving
- 39 Collegedom
- 46 Not to mention
- 41 Some name suffixes
- 44 Gets the better of
- 45 Statement of belief
- 46 Updated model
- 47 Hoped (for)
- 48 Teases
- 53 "As You Like It" setting
- 56 Famed loch
- 58 — prof
- 59 Junior for one
- 61 Hair a trumpet's sound
- 62 — high

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